

(referring to the amount expended on the improvement of the lake harbors,) says Col. Albert, "The conformity with the appropriation laws, was as follows:

"Upon Lake Champlain .....	\$17,200
" " " Ontario .....	410,000
" " " Erie .....	410,000
" " " Michigan .....	1,200,000
" " " Wisconsin .....	400,000

"As the object of these expenditures is to protect the commerce of the lakes, it may seem uninteresting to ascertain the value of that commerce. In order to determine this question with some accuracy, circulars were written, in 1884, to the agents of this bureau, and to those of the customs-house upon the lakes, for such information as they could furnish, and for returns, which would exhibit the kinds and quantities of which the commerce was composed, extending to the year 1883.

The detailed returns from each place were consolidated in a consolidated statement, exhibit, with the following results:

"To have furnished copies of these, you have perplexed, rather than elucidated, the subject, and, therefore, the form of the consolidated statements now submitted was adopted.

"These statements are of two kinds: one, which tabulate the moneyed value of exports and imports from 1853 to 1881, inclusive; the other, as far as could be ascertained, the kinds and quantities of articles of which the trade consisted, for the years 1841.

"The series of years enumerated in the moneyed-value statement, furnish data to judge of the increase of the trade; and the enumeration of kinds in the statement of kinds and quantities, shows in great a proportion of this trade consists in products

"Taking the year 1836 as an example, the returns of 1835 being imperfect, the whole import trade was then fourteen millions, and the whole export trade was twenty-two millions, and the thirty-seven thousand and twenty-six hundred and thirty dollars, and the whole export trade was two millions three hundred and twenty-four thousand two hundred and forty-eight dollars. Now, referring to the year 1842 (the returns of 1842 being very incomplete,) it will be found that the import trade had increased to twenty-three million four hundred and eighty-two thousand four hundred and thirty dollars, and the export trade to thirty-two thousand five hundred and forty-two thousand five hundred and forty-two dollars—about sixteen times greater than the export trade of 1836: exhibiting the enormous increase in exports of about thirty millions in ten years, and an increase, in the same period, of the

nineteen millions of imports. The progress of our commerce can be traced through the several years of the statement of maritime trade; and, although the articles of which this commerce is constituted are variable in the various returns it affords, at the same years, yet, as before remarked, the commercial statement is confined to the article of tea since 1840. The examination of this statement will show the kinds and quantities of these articles that year. From these returns, it will appear that the commerce of the lakes amounted, in the year 1846, to six hundred and eighty thousand and twenty-five tons, valued at six thousand and two hundred and thirty-two pounds, so well as for all the years of the statement there is no account of the export trade of Buffalo to the north-western States, or to Canada, nor return of the export trade of that place having been received. I will beg leave, also, to remark that, by export and import trade, it is intended to

pressed the amount of trade at the several harbors, by means of the shipping of the lakes.

There can be no doubt that, since 1831, the trade has experienced a great trade, as we have information in this office commensurate with this year. There is not upon these lakes, being altogether inland, about well-established custom-house system which is found upon our Atlantic coast, and which enables the government to obtain so readily the accurate knowledge of the trade of the coast. So that the importance of a great trade, as we have supposed, and the extreme value of a correct knowledge of it to the commercial statistics of our country, we no doubt, attract to it the requisite attention and a perversion.

"The whole extent of lake coast is about five thousand two hundred miles; of which, about two thousand is the coast of a foreign power. The

"1st. The whole amount which has been expended and expended in efforts (and with much success) to improve certain harbors upon the lakes, from the commencement of the system to the present time, is no more than \$2,432,696.

"2d. The commerce of these lakes amounts to \$184, to \$655,826, 000.

"3d. The coast of these lakes equals about two thousand two hundred miles, whereof about two thousand miles is a foreign coast.

"4th. The population (American) immediately connected with, and depending upon, the waters of the lakes, is 2,456,000."

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By *A. Green, Auctioneer.*

**VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS AT AUCTION.**—On Saturday, the 11th instant, will be sold on the premises, at 2 o'clock, p. m., John J. Green and 2, in square, No. 569, being the corner of 5th and 1st street north, a short distance east of the City Hall.

Terms are: One-fourth cash balance in six, nine and twelve months, for notes bearing interest.

A. GREEN, Auctioneer.

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**A GOOD TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE AND LOT AT AUCTION.**—On Monday, the 12th instant, will be sold on the premises, at 2 o'clock, p. m., John J. Green and 2, in square, No. 569, being the corner of 5th and 1st street north, a short distance east of the City Hall.

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the 13th instant, I shall sell, on a credit of one month, at 1 o'clock, p. m., a good two-story house, with tank building, and the lot on which stands; situate in square No. 403, being on the S. E. corner of the intersection of the streets between I and K streets, a little north of the Post Office. It is not necessary to give a further description of the property, as persons wishing to purchase can call and see for themselves.

Terms, cash.

A. GREES,  
Auctioneer.

DRAWN numbers of the Alexandria lottery class No. 39, drawn 14th October, 1845—  
24, 5, 22, 58, 10, 17, 21, 33, 57, 15, 46, 44, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

The capital prize of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) will be drawn on the 11th of October next, in this lottery was sold in Georgetown, D. C.

On Saturday, 11th, Oct.

\$50,000 1-25,000 1-10,000 1-5,000 1-2,500 1-1,000 1-500 1-250 1-100 1-50 1-25 1-10 1-5 1-2 1-1  
**THE SPLENDID ALEXANDRIA LOTTERY**  
 Class B, for 1845.  
 To be drawn in Alexandria, D. C., on Saturday  
 October 11th, 1845.  
 78 number lottery—15 drawn balls.  
**BRELLIANT SCHEME:**  
 1 grand capital of \$50,000  
 1 splendid prize of 25,000  
 1 prize of 10,000  
 1 do 5,000  
 1 do 3,575  
 1 do 1,000  
 50 prizes of 500  
 50 do 250  
 50 do 150  
 100 do 100  
 300 do 50  
 1,000 do 25  
 5,000 do 10  
 25,000 do 5  
 50,000 do 2  
 100,000 do 1

Tickets \$15—Halves \$7.50—Quarters \$3.75—  
Eighths \$1.87.  
Certificates of packages of 26 whole tickets, \$180  
Do do 26 half do 90  
Do do 26 quarter do 45  
Do do 26 eighth do 22 1/2

Orders for tickets and shares and certificates of packages in the above splendid lottery will receive the most prompt attention, and an official account of each drawing sent immediately after it is over to all who order from us. Address  
J. G. GREGORY & CO.,  
Managers, Washington City, D. C.

Oct. 6—dified

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE,  
BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD,  
Washington, Sept. 12, 1918.

**NOTICE.**—On and after Monday next, the instant, the through fare in either direction between this city and Baltimore, will be \$1.00 at the rate of 4 cents per mile for intermediate stations. By order,

SAM'L STEITINUS, Agent.

Sept. 12.—1m